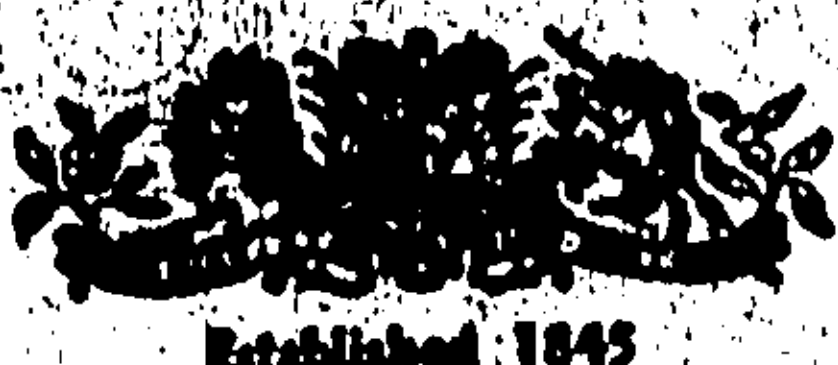


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

HK-US Trade

MEMBERS of the Chinese Manufacturers Union last night spoke much good sense to the visiting American Department of Commerce trade mission who are here to help promote mutual trade within the framework of the present US trade regulations. Mr Boehm, the party's leader, has many constructive views to take back with him, and we hope, he will impress them on the Department of Commerce.

Hongkong does not seek charity and our industries do not require American dollar aid. Their most urgent requirement is bigger and permanent export markets; in particular they need a more substantial American market.

The unfortunate fact is this must remain a wish while the present American trade regulations exist. This factor also circumscribes the negotiations which the visiting mission can carry out inasmuch as they are bound by these trade regulations.

Our visitors can hardly fail to be impressed by the imbalance of trade which has long existed between Hongkong and the United States, and which all too clearly will continue while the current American restrictions against the Colony's exports remain in existence. The plea is well made that the United States could raise quotas, and open its doors to types of Hongkong products now excluded, without in any way impairing the American economy or damaging American industry.

The question of more open American markets does not merely affect the prosperity of Hongkong's trade and industry. It could become closely linked with the Colony's great social problem—its refugees, and it could help to provide an effective solution to that problem.

Mr U Tat-chee is pleading with the United Nations to assist in putting our refugees to work by contributing funds for the building of more factories—a far more practical method of giving aid than the periodic supply of food and clothing; and from the UN point of view a sound capital investment. But the products from these factories would still need to find markets and it is here that the United States could complement the scheme by a substantial relaxation of trade restrictions. Is this too much to ask?

MIXED REACTION TO UK BUDGET: 'DISAPPOINTMENT TO MANY MILLIONS'

London, Apr. 9. Mr James Griffiths, deputy leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party, said today that the Conservative Government's budget would be "an immense disappointment to many millions" as there was nothing for the poor, sick and maimed.

Speaking in the House of Commons debate following the presentation of the budget by Mr Peter Thorneycroft, Chancellor of the Exchequer, he added:

"There is also precious little, apart from little bits off purchases tax, for millions of others who do not earn enough to pay income-tax."

Mr Griffiths welcomed the Government's action in regard to entertainment tax and the help the budget would give in the education of children. But he said he wanted to see people with knowledge, skill and experience rewarded at the expense of those who derived so much wealth and gave so little service to the community.

"This is redistribution of wealth not in favour of the poorest," he commented.

Here is a summary of reaction tonight to the budget:

Labour opposition: Political quarters forecast bitter criticism in tomorrow's Commons debate by the Labour opposition who regard it as "blatantly a rich man's budget." Labour politicians argued it would not help the Government at the next general election, due before 1960, because it would only help those already pro-Conservative.

Press: First comment available was in evening newspaper headlines. The Independent

right-wing Evening Standard called it a "cheer-up budget", the Conservative Evening News a "helping hand budget" and the Liberal Star proclaimed "a little more for all."

Financial quarters: Financial editors described it as "rather stern budgeting, probably sterner than in any other country. It should be well received by overseas operators as 'settling'."

Entertainment world: George Black, a leading showman, said: "Wonderful news. This will mean more and bigger musicals and also enable us to

take more stars to the provinces." Sir Henry French, President of the British Film Producers' Association, described the Chancellor's cut in cinema duty as "a very great disappointment" and said it would be impracticable to pass it on to the public.

Jack Solomon, famed boxing promoter, said: "It means that in two years' time, instead of the 'knockers' knocking at British boxers, the British boxers will be knocking at the world championship door."—China Mail Special.

NEW ATTEMPT TO SOLVE SUEZ CANAL IMPASSE

Washington, Apr. 9. The US Ambassador in Cairo, Raymond Hare, is to make another approach to the Egyptian authorities today concerning the status of the Suez Canal, an informed source said.

The source said the American Government has instructed Hare to reopen negotiations with the Egyptian authorities on the main points contained in the Egyptian memorandum on the running of the Canal. Hare is expected to press again that the Egyptian Government must make modifications in its memorandum that will:

1. Give an international character to the text regulating the Canal's functioning, in place of the unilateral character contained in the Egyptian memorandum.
2. Give the Canal users the means to express their opinion concerning the Canal's functioning.
3. Make arbitration obligatory in the event of a dispute.

The new American move will follow the different exchanges of view that have been held over the past few days between American experts and those of other Canal using countries, the source said.

Informed sources here considered that the new American move would be decisive. They believed it would depend on the Egyptian reply to Hare's suggestions as to whether American negotiations would continue or whether another method should be contemplated, on the international level, to guarantee an international status for the Suez Canal. The six

BIG SHAKEUP PREDICTED IN KREMLIN

Bulganin May Succeed Voroshilov

London, Apr. 9. Reports reaching certain diplomatic circles here today hinted that a far-reaching shakeup would shortly occur in the leadership of the Soviet Union.

The reports said that 70-year-old Klement Voroshilov, President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR would shortly retire. This might take place after his forthcoming trip to China, the reports said.

Premier Nikolai Bulganin would then be named to succeed him and thus practically retire from political life at the age of 61, the reports said.

POWER DIVIDED

The real power would then be divided between the present Communist Party chief, Nikita Khrushchev, who, although two years older than Bulganin, is in better health, and 56-year-old Georgi Malenkov, Vice-Premier and Minister of Electric Power Stations, who stepped down as Premier in 1954. One of the two men would become Premier and the other the First Secretary of the Communist Party.

Similar speculations circulated in Moscow diplomatic circles at the beginning of last February, saying that Voroshilov was getting ready to retire from public life for reasons of health.—France-Press.

One Dead In Rickshaw Crash

Taipei, Apr. 9. Two speeding bicycle rickshaws crashed head on in downtown Taipei early this morning, killing one woman passenger and seriously injuring another.

Police said the rickshaw carrying the two women raced down a slope and dashed right into another empty one at 1 a.m.

One of the passengers died on her way to the hospital and the other was still in critical condition.

The two rickshaw drivers who were bruised in the accident were detained by police for questioning.—United Press.

US State Department Plans Easing Of Embargo

Washington, Apr. 9. The State Department today sought Congressional approval of a plan under which the United States would agree to its Allies lowering their restrictions on trade with China if they would increase somewhat the barriers on commerce with the Soviet Union and its European satellites.

COPTER LANDS IN AMBUSH: NINE DEAD

Algiers, Apr. 9. A French Army helicopter, carrying a commando squad in the middle of a rebel ambush today and military authorities said, French casualties were nine dead and two wounded.

The big, two-rotor Pavee II M-21 helicopter was riddled with rifle and machinegun bullets and crashed in flames after trying to make a getaway. The copter's officer-pilot and sergeant co-pilot were killed.

One of the commandos was killed and two others were wounded when rebel troops closed in on the small unit.—United Press.

ALLEGED SPY SANE

New York, Apr. 9. Jack Sobel, who was indicted for espionage for the Soviet Union together with his wife Myra, and Jacob Alban, was today declared sound of mind and capable of standing trial.

After his arrest, Sobel had acted so strangely in prison that the court authorities transferred him to the Bellevue Mental Hospital on February 18, where he remained under observation until the end of March.—France-Press.

The Under-Secretary of State, Mr Christian Herter, and Mr C. Douglas Dillon, Deputy Under-Secretary for Economic Affairs, sounded out the reaction of key Congressmen on the matter.

Informed sources said the State Department officials explained that pressure from Britain, Japan and some other nations made it virtually imperative that the US agree to some lowering of restrictions on China trade by its Allies.

In return, they hoped the US hoped to get these Allies to agree to raise to some extent the restrictions on trade with European Communists, which are considerably less stringent than those applying to the China trade.

Early Meeting

The administration officials made it clear that so far as the US itself was concerned, it intended to maintain its total embargo on trade with China.

Informed sources said that if the State Department did not meet too much Congressional opposition, it would call for an early meeting of the 15-nation Allied group in Paris which formulates trade restrictions concerning Communist countries. The group includes representatives of all the North Atlantic Treaty powers except Iceland, Japan is the 15th member.

Mr Herter met this morning with Senators Theodore Green, Alexander Smith and Leverett Saltonstall and Representative Thomas Gordon, W. Sterling Cole and Carl Vinson.

Mr Dillon this afternoon visited Capitol Hill for separate conferences on the subject with the Senate majority leader, Mr Lyndon Johnson, and the minority leader, Mr William Knowland.

Senator Smith said after the conference with Mr Herter that

the question was one of "narrowing the gap" between the list of embargoed items for Russia and that for China.

He said the discussion centred on the fact that some free world nations were shipping goods to Russia which could then be sent on to China.

Senator Smith said he believed a "clarification" of trade policy was needed so there would be a "more sincere effort" by all to restrict trade with the Peking regime.—United Press.

NEW row flared up in the House of Commons today over the appointment of the German General Hans Speidel as Commander of Nato's land forces in Central Europe.

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He also said: "In accordance with normal practice only two national anthems were played—that of the country of the new commander and the Marseillaise, played because the headquarters is on French soil."—China Mail Special.

Star Insulted Policemen

Rome, Apr. 9. A Magistrate here today sentenced Elsa Martinelli, the glamorous Italian film star, to 18 months imprisonment for insulting three Rome municipal traffic policemen.

Her defence lawyer, Mario Pittaluga, said that he lodged an appeal immediately after the hearing.

Signorina Martinelli was not present at the hearing.

The actress was accused of insulting the policemen on July 3 last year when they stopped her in her car for an alleged traffic offence. The public prosecutor demanded a sentence of six months imprisonment.

Signorina Martinelli won a Rome-Dan Remo motor rally for film actors last weekend.

She is one of the best known young Italian film stars. Her latest Hollywood picture, "Four Girls in Town" with Sydney Chaplin, is at present being shown in Italy.—China Mail Special.

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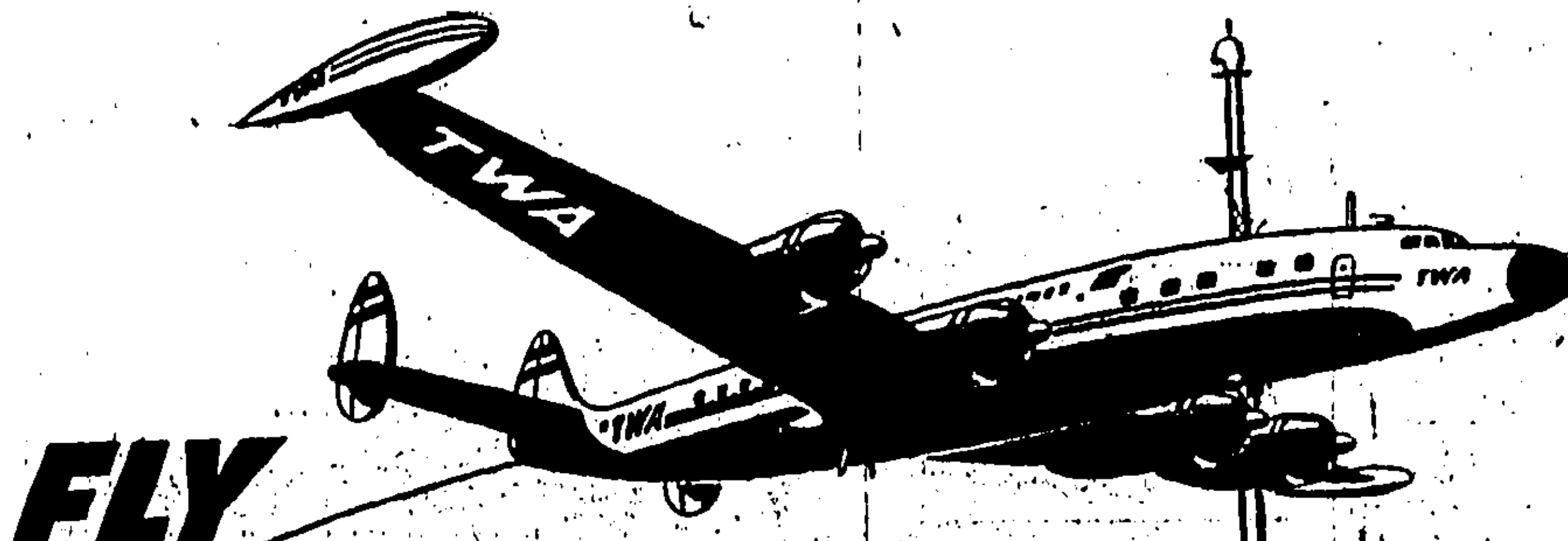
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A SHOCK FOR AMERICANS

Versailles, Apr. 9. A group of American tourists who chose the day of Queen Elizabeth's visit to Versailles to do their sightseeing at the Palace were taken aback when told the Queen was there.

As they drove up toward the gate in their car, a policeman halted them and said: "You cannot enter. You need a special pass to see the Queen."

RESTAURANTS FILLED

"The Queen?" replied the astonished American driver in shaky French. "Do you still have a Queen in Versailles?"

Even the surroundings of the Palace were jammed, and the tourists had difficulty in obtaining a meal. Restaurants were filled with journalists, drivers of official cars and others connected with the visit. — France-Press.

'The City Has Never Seen Anything Like It'

Paris, Apr. 9.

Paris tonight dazzled its visiting Queen and half a million of its own sophisticated residents, with a spectacular pageant and festival along the banks of the River Seine as the Royal couple sailed by in an illuminated yacht.

For pomp, circumstances and pageantry, the city had never seen anything like it.

Napoleonic Grenadiers and Louis XV Cavaliers mingled with dancing provincials in folklore costumes, acrobats, jugglers, boy singers and flower girls along an open air stage miles wide.

It was a once-only performance, opening and closing tonight, the homage of the people of Paris to Queen Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip.

It began, when the Royal couple, accompanied by President Rene Coty, embarked on the state vessel "Borde Fretigny" for their cruise up the Seine.

For hours, throngs reminiscent of Bastille Day — France's National Holiday — thronged the streets for blocks around the river, jockeying for a vantage point for the spectacle.

The Queen was piped aboard the yacht, and she stepped

the stream from the Port Du Gros-Cailhou near the Foreign Ministry, to see a living tableau of the history of France.

Before the Palace of the Legion of Honour, stood three ranks of Empire Grenadiers, looking like lead soldiers in a tin box whose cover were the roofs of Paris.

On the right bank near the Tuileries Gardens, flew the standards of Louis XIV and Louis XV, flapping white with Fleur De Lys in gold, and farther on the Cavaliers of the King's Household.

Myriad lights glimmered on the waters as the yacht sailed on past the Vert-Galant, point of the prow of the Ile De La Cite, where a Henri IV Kermesse (Carnival) was in full swing.

The ladies and gentlemen costumed in the dress of the period, danced and sang while musicians played merrily under the dome of a temple of Venus.

Acrobats and jugglers alternated with a troupe improvising in the style of Italy's Comedia Del Arte.

Joyous Peels

Next, Notre Dame — the magnificent Gothic Cathedral famed the world over — howe into view with an unusual aspect, its stained glass windows illuminated from within, its bells ringing out joyously.

The organ pealed out loudly and 150 child singers in white gowns lifted their voices in a 15th century chant, which was amplified by loudspeakers across the waters.

At the end of the island, the floating fire brigade of Paris sent up jets of water with their hoses, which was the signal for the Royal Flotilla to do a figure eight, turning to view a floral fresco made of 80,000 blooms of gladioli, jonquils, tulips and green plants, all illustrating a multi-colored flower market.

The vessel paused briefly in front of No 5, Quai Aux Fleurs — for this was Rene Coty's home before he became President.

Fireworks

Here another folklore festival was in progress, given by groups from Normandy, the President's home region. Farther along, busy porters of fruits and vegetables from Les Halles (Markets) wheeled and turned with bagpipe dancers doing the Fandango, people of France's Landes region on stilts and Bretons with their native musical instruments.

Then as the vessel turned round, the most spectacular fireworks display ever seen in Paris was set off from the Alexandre III bridge, and other points.

Violet — a colour never before used in pyrotechnics — was seen in the final bouquet of showered rockets and sparks.

The pageant — called "Als Recherche Du Temps Perdu" (Inquest of Times Past) — was over shortly before nine o'clock. The evening programme was brought to a close with a spectacular reception for President Coty at the British Embassy. — France-Press.

To Visit U.S.

Taipei, Apr. 9. Admiral Liang Shu-chao, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Navy, is leaving Wednesday morning for a two-week visit to the United States.

Admiral Liang will tour American naval installations in the U.S. at the invitation of Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Navy. — United Press.

SHOW WAS SPECIALLY FOR THEM



PRESIDENT COTY



THE QUEEN



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limbly up the covered gang-plank and took her seat in what appeared to be a glass-enclosed cage on the stern of the boat.

It was like an illuminated throne for a fairy queen, and the crowds roared "Vive La Reine," as she came into sight.

The quays shimmered with the brilliance of thousands of searchlights and projectors, etching out the ego-oid monuments of Paris.

Thousands escorted the "Borde Fretigny" as she passed off into

HE HASN'T DONE A DAY'S WORK IN HIS LIFE!



At an age when many men have begun to take a worried, harassed look, 38-year Leslie Towell of Middlesbrough, has the peaceful appearance of a thoroughly contented man.

Says Les: "There is a very simple explanation: 'I have not done a day's work in my life.'"

"I assure you I am not one of the idle rich. Just idle!"

Leslie's record first came to light recently in Middlesbrough magistrate's court in evidence given by Detective Inspector Norman Leigh.

Les admitted two charges of stealing chocolates and oranges from a shop, for which he was fined £1, put on probation for a year. It was his first offence.

LEISURE TIME

Said Les afterwards: "Every-one connected with the case seemed amazed that I don't work. That is the trouble with civilisation — everyone is pre-occupied with work and they have no time for any leisure."

Les says that when he left school he pocketed about £200. "With my mother's pension we both managed to live very nicely on that for several years. Then my mother died a year ago and left me a small amount of money. I am no parasite. I have never applied for National Assistance. The rent is about 10 shillings a week, so if I have £2 a week that's enough."

Only fly in the ointment at present is that Les has a fine and court costs to pay — and he says he hasn't a halfpenny.

"Says he humbly: 'There seems to be only one thing for it — work.' — London Express Service.

TEACHERS COMPLETE CHINESE COURSE

Paris, Apr. 9. Five hundred thousand teachers, constituting one-third of the country's primary middle and normal school teachers of the Chinese language, have completed a short course of phonetic training in the standard spoken Chinese, it was learned from the committee to reform the Chinese written language today, the New China New Agency reported.

This would help to pave the way for the alphabetisation of the written Chinese language, the agency said.

The standard spoken Chinese now being popularised is based on the common speech of the north. Mandarin is taken as the standard.

Tens of thousands sets of standard spoken language records have been produced for primary and middle schools. Radio courses throughout the country have helped millions to learn the standard spoken language, the agency added. — France-Press.

MACMILLAN TO MEET JAPAN'S H-BOMB ENVOY

Expecting A Reply

London, Apr. 9.

Mr. Masatoshi Matsushita, personal envoy of the Japanese Prime Minister, told reporters tonight that he is to see Mr. Harold Macmillan, tomorrow morning.

WHAT MAKARIOS TOLD THE BRITISH

Tannanarive, Apr. 9.

Archbishop Makarios, speaking today at the small church of the Greek community in Tannanarive said that when the British proposed to release him from exile under certain conditions, he replied he could not sacrifice the future of the Cypriot people for his personal comfort.

Makarios expressed the hope for a rapid solution of the Cyprus problem, "following the way marked out by its liberation."

This morning, Archbishop Makarios left the port of Tannanarive for Tannanarive by air. Also on the plane was the Indian Consul-General with whom Makarios talked, recalling Anglo-Indian relations 10 years ago and comparing them with the present relations between Cyprus and Britain.

Stay In Nairobi?

The whole Greek colony was awaiting the arrival of Archbishop Makarios at Tannanarive. When the Archbishop was seen at the door of the plane, the crowd of about 200 people applauded.

It was not known whether Makarios would leave Madagascar on Thursday as planned for Nairobi, since plane reservations for the Archbishop have not been confirmed.

Greek sources close to the Archbishop refused to divulge how long the Archbishop had planned to stay in Nairobi, what reasons prompted him to stay there or what contacts he would make in Kenya. — France-Press.

Seeing The Pope

Then he would go on to Rome where he hoped to be received by the Pope though nothing firm had been arranged yet.

Mr. Matsushita said that he considered his visit to Britain had been "very satisfactory."

It was "too bad" that Britain was going ahead with her Christmas Island nuclear tests. "But I am not impatient and am not losing my temper at not getting agreement in just ten days," he said.

Mr. Matsushita continued "I have the impression that if we continue to insist on what we believe in we will succeed in convincing people."

More Dangerous

The Christmas Island tests would be bad enough. But subsequent continuation of nuclear tests would be much more dangerous.

He thought he had been successful in persuading the British Government and people to realise the greater danger in continued nuclear tests.

"I think the English are a sure but rather slow people — they do not change their minds quickly."

"If we insist with conviction that they will change their minds in the long run," he stated.

Mr. Matsushita today saw Lord Attlee whom he described as being "rather pessimistic" in the sense that unless something was done to prevent a continuation of the tests, Lord Attlee apparently felt humanity would either die away or be destroyed.

Seeing Churchill

However, Mr. Matsushita said Lord Attlee told him that if the Labour Party came to power the whole course would be changed.

Tomorrow Mr. Matsushita is due to see Sir Winston Churchill. He said he also hoped to have a talk with Mr. Hugh Gaitskill, Leader of the Opposition, but he had no confirmation of this.

With Sir Winston Churchill he hoped to have a discussion ranging over the whole world problem of nuclear weapons and defence.

Mr. Matsushita said that during his ten days here it had not been his job to whip up a campaign and interfere in British domestic politics. — Reuters.

U.S. HOPES FOR INDONESIA

Washington, Apr. 9. American officials expressed hope that the new Indonesian cabinet sworn in today by President Sukarno would succeed in uniting dissident elements in the republic and achieving political stability.

They warned, however, that it was far too early to predict what might happen because of the variety of conflicting factors in the Indonesian situation.

The State Department itself declined any comment on the new cabinet on the usual grounds that the matter was one of Indonesian domestic affairs.

However, it is no secret that military and diplomatic officials have been watching with considerable concern the continued political unrest there. — United Press.

Japanese Note

Paris, Apr. 9. The Japanese Government has sent a memorandum to the six nations — France, West Germany, Italy, and the Benelux countries — who last month signed a treaty to set up a European common market.

The memorandum was not a protest against the common market project. It merely set out the Japanese position on aspects of the project which might be interpreted as conflicting with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). — Reuters.

Canada To Tighten Up Security?

Toronto, Apr. 9.

The Canadian Press News Agency today quoted a Government official in Ottawa as saying that all Canada's arrangements for exchanging security information with the United States were under review.

The review, being carried out by a committee representing all the Government agencies involved, is a direct consequence of a United States Senate Subcommittee action which resulted in the public in Cairo of Mr. Herbert Norman, Canadian Ambassador there, the report added.

Mr. Norman's suicide, the Canadian press report said, had raised the question of whether there was a risk that information exchanged confidentially between agencies of the two Governments might become public through availability to Congressional bodies. — Reuters.

BATAAN DEATH MARCH RECALLED

San Francisco, Apr. 9. Manuel Amigo, a survivor of the Bataan death march, said today on the 15th anniversary of the surrender of the island to the Japanese, "I can't forget it."

000 Japanese troops to overrun about 20,000 of us American and Filipino troops. You can't fight with odds like that."

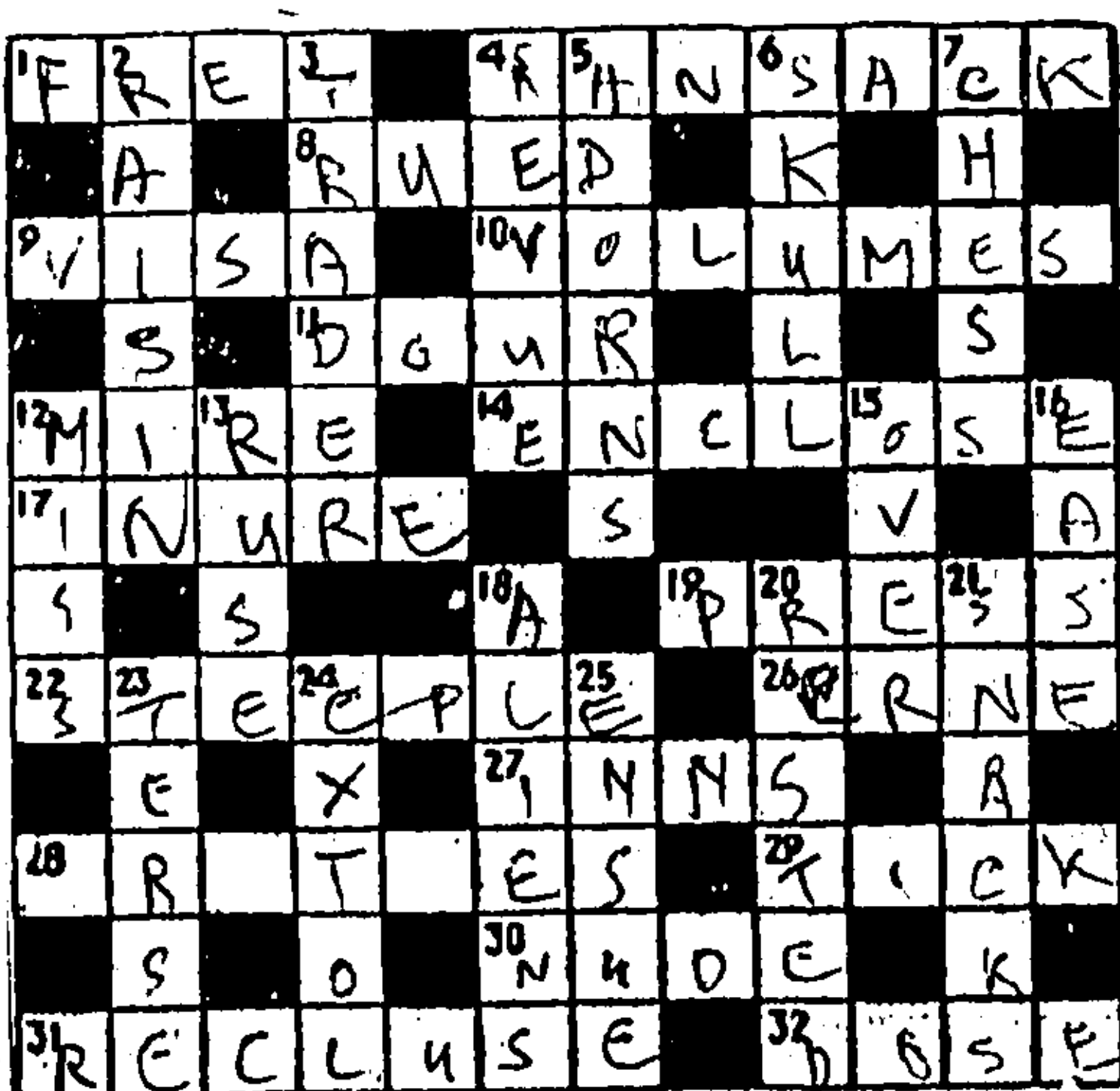
Amigo, now a director of the

State of New Mexico's Veterans Service Commission, and other veterans of the 20th New Mexico Central Postal Directory Regiment, which played a big role in the 1941-42 defense of the

Philippines, took part in the ceremony on the grounds of the Capitol.

Amigo was working in a Japanese coal mine when the war ended. — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Worry (4).
 - Hurried with a bag to plunder (7).
 - Regretted (4).
 - Passport endorsement (4).
 - Books (7).
 - Obstinate (4).
 - Mud (4).
 - Surround (7).
 - Harden (5).
 - Tips (5).
 - Spore (7).
 - Bird (4).
 - Hostilities (4).
 - Twist violently (7).
 - Sound of a clock (4).
 - Unclothed (4).
 - Hermite (7).
 - Prescribed amount (4).
- DOWN
- Dried fruit (6).
 - Merchant (6).
 - Topical entertainment (5).
 - Bedouin (6).
 - Cranium (5).
 - Play the game all above board (5).
 - Fall to hit (4).
 - Trick (4).
 - Fuss (4).
 - Relieve (4).
 - Foreigners (6).
 - Reposed (6).
 - Light repasts (6).
 - Concise (5).
 - Lead (6).
 - Follow (5).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1. Puppet, 5. Rescue, 8. Meter, 9. Utopia, 10. Tally, 11. Trail, 12. Pope, 13. Roses, 16. Tachyon, 18. Ranges, 20. Tests, 22. Limp, 23. Tread, 24. Strip, 26. Tureen, 27. Rigid, 28. Greet, 29. Centre, Down: 1. Plumpest, 2. Prosper, 3. Emit, 4. Tearing, 5. Rehears, 6. Organs, 7. Shower, 14. Se-dime-nt, 15. Suspense, 16. Inappet, 17. Heretic, 19. Athle, 21. Ex-ter, 24. Dule.

If they want anything from a chauffeur to a darning of socks, they just phone the local clergyman.

RING UP THE MANSE— & "GIVE AS YOU EARN"

By FRANK MOORE

HERE is one town's answer to the baby-sitting problem. People who live in the little Scottish town of Burntisland just pick up the telephone and dial BURNTISLAND 3136.

That is the home of the Reverend David C. Orr, the minister. And he will fix the caller up with a baby-sitter, chauffeur, a sock-darner, or something to both the children.

Mr Orr has drawn up an index of volunteers who will tackle any job urgently needing to be done in the district—and they will do it freely.

At his manse, Mr Orr showed me a questionnaire he has asked his 1,000-strong congregation to fill up.

The forty questions cover every possible type of assistance

that a family in the town might require—from taking a patient's prescription to get medicine, to a bit of gardening for an old age pensioner.

"I've got about 120 names on my list," said Mr Orr. "And there have been a few quite dramatic instances of help given to people in emergencies."

But Mr Orr is not the only one in his family with bright ideas. His wife, Dora, has a new idea for church gifts.

She wants to put Sunday contributions on a basis similar to income tax.

She suggests levying so much in the £ with reduced rates for lower incomes, a standard rate, and "surplus." And it would be called G.A.Y.E.—Give As You Earn.

Her idea, which is to be considered by the Church Session, is that the standard contribution to the Church should be a percentage in the £ of the giver's income.

Where the income is less than £4 a week, it should be two-pence, and over £12 a week, up to sixpence in the £.

On this basis, an old-aged pensioner with £2 would be expected to give fourpence a week, someone with £10 would give two shillings and sixpence, and a family with £15-a-week income would give four shillings and sixpence.

Says Mrs Orr: "Just as Income Tax rates fluctuate and earnings vary, so the G.A.Y.E. scheme would change according to budgeted needs."

"I think G.A.Y.E. is a good idea. When you think of the amount of money people spend on tobacco and entertainment some of the contributions to the church are ridiculously low."

"I every member put one shilling a week on the collection plate, the financial worries of the whole Church of Scotland would be solved."

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



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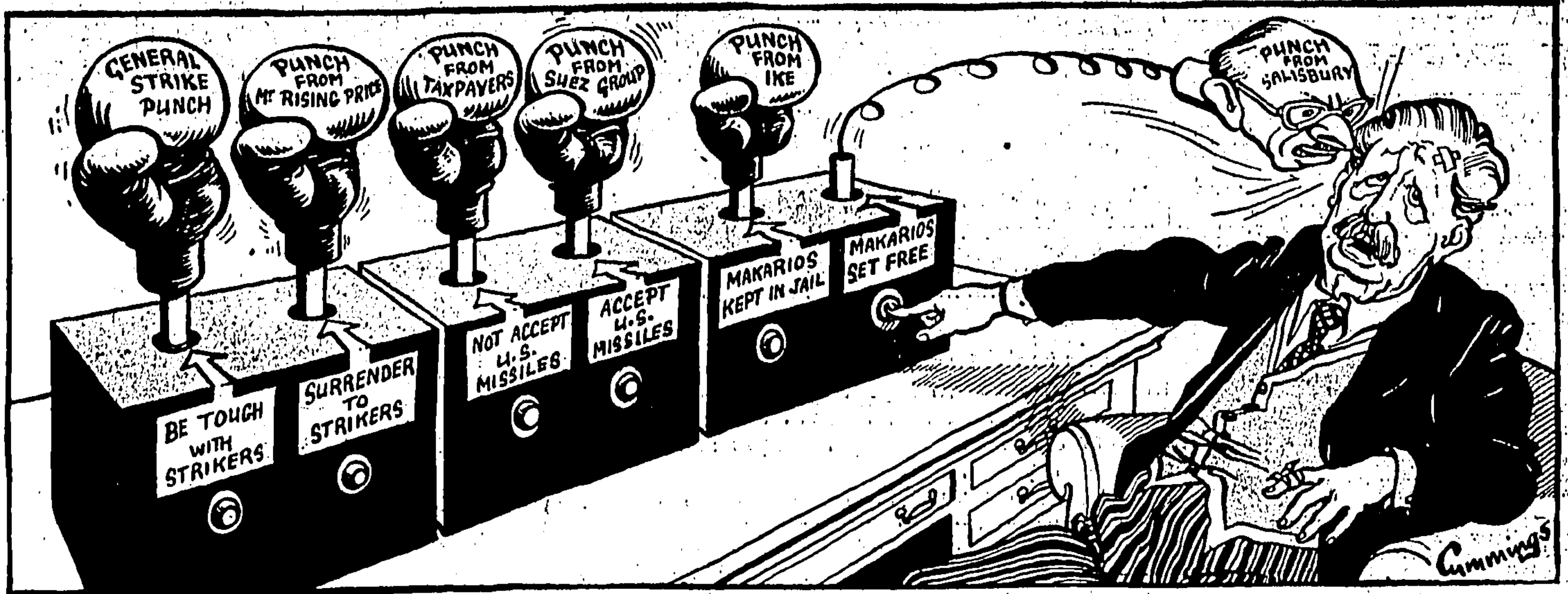
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"What's the point of using my brains, if every solution is wrong?"

THE new nest occupied by Ooch and Owch, your rheumatically Uncle Nat and the Plucky Little Woman, has a walled garden neatly kept by the previous owner.

At first they were proud of it, telling each other they will have a dear old garden to mow the lawn and grow flowers and vegetables.

They remembered the happy pre-war days at Tooting Towers in Surrey when dear old gardeners were glad to work for a few shillings a day, though Owch reminds Ooch why they were so glad. They all had raging thirsts quenched by bottles of beer in the woodshed which often cost more than their wages.

But it seems that in 1957 there are no dear old gardeners working for a few shillings a day. They all want £8 a week. If they still have raging thirsts, Ooch could hardly afford to have them, the price of beer being what it is.

So the problem is who is going to be gardener?

Ooch says she is incapable of doing anything but pick flowers on account of her disability. As Ooch has miraculously cured his lumbago by carrying a nutmeg in his trousers pocket he had better buy a lawn mower before the grass gets out of hand.

Since then Ooch has been haunted by this garden, so pleasant to look at, but so menacing when you think of the hours of toil to be spent there instead of in the low town.

For one thing he knows nothing at all about horticulture. He can hardly distinguish a weed from an orchid. Up to

this moment he has only read a book on the subject bought for him by Owch. Looking up the last week in March he read the following:

Last Chance of Good Digging: Those who did not succeed in digging most of the garden before Christmas and have since been held up by bad weather should press on now without delay. He is also supposed to plant early potatoes, attack apple pests, sow lettuce and sweet corn, train cucumbers, deal with club-root disease, prune bush roses, and support peas. Even if there were any peas he wouldn't know how to support them.

If he still has any time to spare he can sow short-horn carrots (so they have horns, do

they?), globe beetroot, and turnips.

Treat in store

March is, moreover, the busiest month for verbenas, petunias, begonias, zinnias, and salpiglossis, which, to Ooch, sounds more like a disease than a flower.

Ooch, in her enthusiasm to get Ooch cracking, has warned him about our neighbours.

In each of the gardens surrounding us she has detected a real-life model of the stock character which never failed to appear in old-fashioned English-country-house comedies.

She was always "county." She wore sensible tweeds. She was always nipping something

off a rose bush as she sat on a shooting stick, or potting something in the conservatory. Her sharp, authoritative manner, with the lower orders, including gardeners, hid a heart of gold.

But Owch says such hearts of gold can turn to steel if one unkempt garden full of long grass and weeds is likely to put other gardens in peril. The seeds of dandelions, for instance, float on the wind across garden walls and drop like a miniature parachute attack on immaculate lawns, causing damage not easily repaired.

At first, says Owch, they will take pity on our ignorance. They will call with a sweet smile and ask us if we don't

think our garden is getting a little out of hand.

If Ooch doesn't do anything about it they will call again, the sweet smile gone, and say we really should employ a gardener if we can't do the work ourselves.

If our garden eventually becomes like the Burma jungle, with grass five feet high and poisonous weeds spreading all over the district, Owch thinks that their husbands, mostly retired naval officers, will snatch old cutlasses from their walls and organise a boarding party.

Ooch, feeling desperate, has thought of covering the garden with concrete—but feels that with a concrete garden he would lose caste, already lost to some extent with the local butcher.

When Owch telephoned for some tips, a shocked voice answered, "Tripe! Nobody here calls tripe, madam. Many have never seen such a thing in their lives."

Before long there may be some weeds they have never seen in their lives either. (World Copyright)

Part Four of our new mystery serial: 'No Flowers By Request'

TURNING DOWN an offer to live with her married daughter, widowed Mrs. Merton takes a job as cook-housekeeper. It is a strange household in an old rectory. Her employer has an ailing wife, and his niece, who lives there, helps in the house. It is the nurse's night out, and the widow is indoors with the invalid and the niece...

I WENT down to the kitchen and got busy with cooking supper. I was just getting busy with the eggs when the niece, Philippa Deane, came in. I felt more than a little exasperated. Perhaps my face showed it, she apologised very politely for interrupting, adding: "It's just that I'm so worried I felt I had to talk to someone, and you look so sensible and well balanced, Mrs Merton, it's comforting even to look at you."

"I'm sure that's nicely meant," I replied, beating the eggs steadily, "but I didn't really come here to be a comfort to anybody, except in the sense of providing good meals and an orderly household."

In a flash

SHE didn't reply, and I think she would have gone out of the room without speaking again, but unfortunately I looked up and caught the expression on her face, and she looked so wretched that I put the basin down and said: "Tell me what's worrying you—sometimes just talking helps."

"Oh, indeed it does!" she cried, a faint flush creeping up into the cold pallor of her face (and what a lovely face it was). "It's about Mrs Carrington. Nurse Cutler has come out and I'm sure Mrs Carrington is ill—I mean worse than she generally is. She looks dreadful to me."

"Well, then—ring up the doctor," I cried. "Don't hesitate. What are doctors for?" "It isn't so simple as you think," she said unhappily. "Dr Grayling is away this evening and Dr Barr takes his surgery for him and is on call if needed; but Mrs Carrington can't bear Dr Barr—she simply loathes him."

As though in a flash of clairvoyance I saw a number of things with rather dreadful clarity. Nurse Cutler had gone out on pleasure bent. That Marcus Carrington had gone to share Nurse's point. Mrs Carrington had taken a turn for the worse, and her

which was healthy damp, and felt the pulse in her temple.

I left the room quietly and Philippa followed me, looking like a ghost herself.

"What do you think?" she asked anxiously. "I can't judge, because I don't know anything about the

patient." I rejoined coldly. "Do you know if Nurse gave her a sedative before she went out?"

Irritable

"I DON'T know. She just said: 'She's quite quiet now. I should leave her for a bit.'"

"Then it didn't look as though Nurse were worrying," I replied. "Nevertheless, since you are anxious, I will ring up Dr Barr. Do you know his number?"

"I should be very grateful if you would, Mrs Merton, but in case you think I'm just making a fuss, won't you come and look at Mrs Carrington? I expect you know much more about illness than I do."

With a feeling that a concerted effort was being made to involve me in responsibility for the invalid, I followed Philippa Deane into her aunt's bedroom: indeed, it seemed impossible to refuse.

The room was very dim—the curtains were drawn over the windows—and only a faint diffused light showed (Mrs Carrington's face). She lay on her back, asleep. I listened to her breathing. It was slow but not laboured. Very carefully I laid my hand on her forehead,

at a maternity case up at Long Meadham.

"I shouldn't worry too much. Mrs Carrington has given people frights several times before—quite unnecessarily. Just keep her warm and quiet. As for another doctor—Dr Blakeley's the nearest, but he's over 20 miles from Hallering. I'll give Dr Barr your message when he comes in."

She rang off, and I was aware of Philippa Deane hovering behind me.

"Now it's no use worrying," I said. "Nurse will be in by ten o'clock. By the way, I suppose Mr Carrington will be in to supper at eight?"

"I don't know, he didn't say," she replied. "I'm sorry, but this house is like that sometimes."

"If Mrs Carrington were my aunt, I certainly shouldn't like to leave her alone as she is now," I replied. Then, feeling I'd been rather harsh, I added, "You go and sit with her now, and I'll have my supper when the pie is cooked. Then you can come down and have your supper in peace and I'll sit with her."

She went back to Mrs Carrington's room without a word. Marcus Carrington came in at half-past nine. His wife was still asleep.

Nurse Cutler came in 20 minutes later—and then things began to happen: she stormed helplessly over the telephone. Dr Barr was still out. Dr Grayling's whereabouts unknown.

Nurse sent Marcus Carrington off in the car to run Dr Grayling to earth, and then told me to come and help her in the sick-room. The patient was much colder now.

"We packed her round with fresh hot bottles, and Nurse in-

Drawing by Gordon Hogg



who sat her up against the pillows?"

"Indeed, not," I replied. "I didn't touch her."

"Funny—Mrs Deane says she didn't either. Oh, Lord, I don't know. Looks as though we're all in it together."

"What on earth do you mean, Nurse?" I demanded indignantly.

"She was all right when I went out," she said obstinately. "and now she's dead..." Give me some more sugar in this, it tastes frightful. I like Indian tea, really, not this sick-making China muck."

"Well, I'll make you another pot," I suggested. My Indian tea in a tin in her room, and the room's locked up as I told you." She added, thoughtfully: "She won't have any further need for that precious special tea of hers in the antique caddy—will she?"

TOMORROW — Drama develops as famous writer GLADYS MITCHELL takes over the story-telling.

The Characters in the Case

CENTRAL figure in the story so far is WIDOW MERTON, gentlewoman cook-housekeeper to the Carringtons. They are commercial artist MARCUS CARRINGTON, and his wife—who is bedridden. TRENT CARRINGTON, a war-wounded nephew, and MRS PHILIPPA DEANE, a niece of the nurse type. Mrs Carrington is looked after by NURSE CUTLER, and visited by DR GRAYLING. An interesting outsider, blonde JOY BARNESLOW, comes to help in the garden, and another outsider is MRS HUTCHINSON, the daily help. Sennacherib, the cat completes the household.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Safety Play Scores Goal

By OSWALD JACOBY

I AM indebted to J. G. Ripstra and Mary Nelson of Wichita, Kansas, for today's hand. Both the bidding and play are of interest.

Mr. Nelson's three diamond response showed a very big hand, so Mr. Ripstra marked time by merely rebidding to three spades. Mr. Nelson just went to game. He had shown strength and it was up to Rip to go on if a slam could be made.

That is just what Rip did. He bid five clubs to show that ace, whereupon Mary bid five hearts to show control in that suit.

Rip's jump to six spades closed the bidding. Mary did consider the grand slam, but decided against it because she could not be sure that trumps were solid and that there was no diamond loser.

The jack of hearts was opened and dummy's ace held the

NORTH			
Q872	AK	Q872	AK
AK	Q872	AK	Q872
AKQ43	J2	AKQ43	J2
WEST			
None	None	None	None
J10982	Q643	J10982	Q643
1065	Q87	1065	Q87
109743	Q8	109743	Q8
SOUTH (D)			
A10953	75	A10953	75
2	2	2	2
AK65	AK65	AK65	AK65
East-West vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1	Pass	3	Pass
2	Pass	4	Pass
3	Pass	5	Pass
4	Pass	6	Pass
Opening lead—♥J			

first trick. Then Mr. Ripstra made a simple safety play. He led the deuce of trumps from dummy. When East played the four spot he merely played the ten.

When West showed out, Rip laid down the ace of trumps to drop East's jack, conceding one trick to the king.

This safety play was a sure thing against any combination of trumps. Rip could afford to lose one trick but not two.

With any two-one trump break he automatically would lose one trick with this play. If West had held three trumps, East would have shown out—whereupon Rip would have played his ace and then led toward dummy's queen.

Of course the hand would have been lost if West had made a singleton honour and then given his partner a ruff. But that was much less likely than the three-nothing trump break.

♥CARD GAME♥

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1♣ Double 1♥ Pass

You, South, hold:

AKJ43 ♠ AKJ3 ♠ AK1076

What do you do?

A—Pass. You have a minimum hand and don't want to get into trouble. You don't like your singleton heart, but then, you don't like anything else.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been:

East South West North

1♣ Double Pass 1♠

Pass ?

You, South, hold:

AK65 ♠ AQ87 ♠ KJ34 ♠ 432

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ONE hundred and seventy-four thousand eight hundred and eleven tons of documents connected with the subsidiary registration of egg-producers are being counter-checked by 37,484 clerks at Egg House.

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A powerful new play

SCENE: A yard filled with garbage and rubble, on which a dog is eating. A man in a suit is standing nearby.

This Funny World



"Go right on talking. A big wind won't put it out!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... BY STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

BORN today, you have been given by exceptional and unusual talents by the stars. You have great influence over those with whom you associate and must take care that your ideas are kept high so that your influence shall be for good, rather than for evil. Basically honest and highly ethical, you are sometimes influenced against your better judgment. Beware of all matters which have the slightest tinge of intrigue, for you are not suited to double-dealing.

You have sympathy and understanding of the other fellow and sometimes are led astray by misconceptions. Be sure that you follow your own conscience and you will always be on the right side. You have a tremendous store of vital energy and you seem to flourish even in the midst of chaotic activity. Consequently, you probably will be happiest living in the city rather than in the country. You tend to become moody, irritable and frustrated if there isn't enough to keep you continuously busy.

Since you have the power of the spoken word and are something of a natural orator, you might find that you would do well as a lecturer, a teacher, a politician or a defense attorney. In addition, you have the gift of being able to marshal your facts in telling a story and can make statistical and dry facts seem highly entertaining. This is a gift you must not lose. As a speaker of some cause, you are vigorous and influential. You know how to promote your ideas effectively.

Among those born on this date were: Frances Perkins, stateswoman; General Lew Wallace, soldier and author; Joseph Pulitzer, publisher; William Booth, reformer; Louise Chandler Moulton and W. J. Fielding, authors; Clara Boothe Luce, author and actress; George William Russell, essayist; George Arliss, actor; and John Macy, critic.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—

Imagined can lead you a long way down the wrong road today. No way out! Adhere to familiar paths.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—

Thoughts and actions must be carefully considered. You are to be the result which you now anticipate.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—

Guiding you to health in the utmost importance just now. To work efficiently, you must feel fit.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—

Strive to be as practical as you can, for you may find that there are lurking adventuresome invitations.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—

Best for you to stick to routine, for there are distractions which must not detract from your objective.

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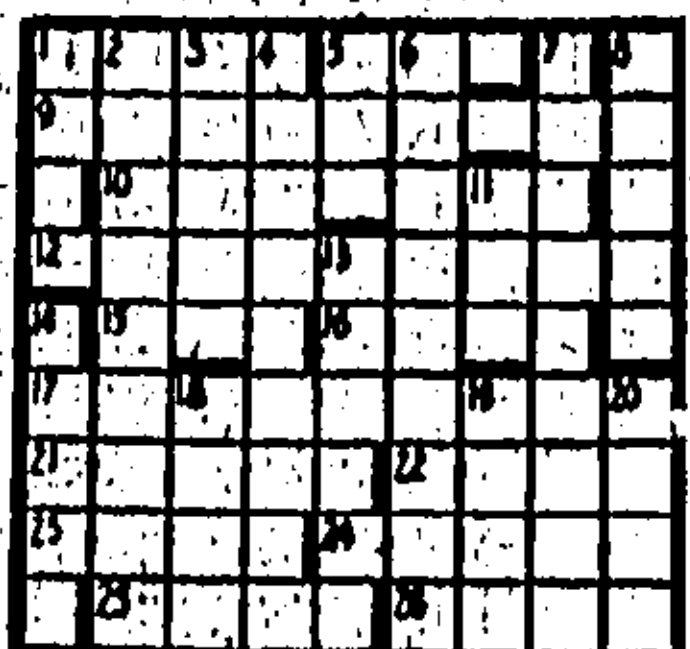
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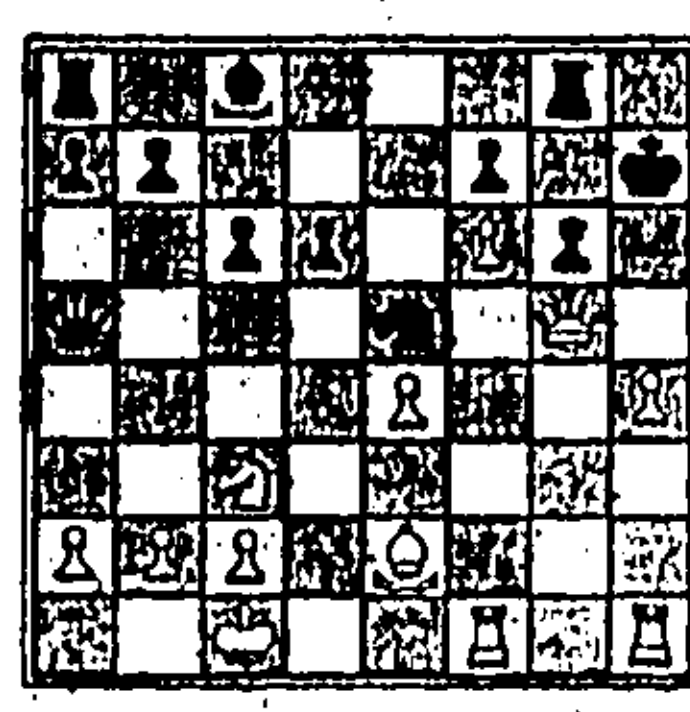


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2. This allows you to sit back and relax. (6)
3. In moments, write v.m. (4)
4. Fowl in Athens. (5)
5. Stage character often deserves a good one. (5)
6. To sit upon a hairdressing method. (5)
7. One for a journalist's attribute. (4)
8. Italian money. (4)
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10. Monastic for 'lonely lives'. (4)
11. Best chance. (4)
Down
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2. A chili (spag.). (5)
3. Of the purple. (5)
4. It sometimes grows on the mountains. (5)
5. Only on-the-shoulder people. (5)
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CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



How did Ivkov (White, to move) force the win in this position from the Moscow team tournament?

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1 PXP e.p., threat 2 P-K15.

The key may surprise some solvers, but a study of the position will prove that Black's position must have been P(K12)—K14.

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WOMANSENSE

Two Cinnamon Sauces For Hot Apple Pie

By Ida Bailey Allen

ALONG the Columbia River Highway, the Chef and I drove through the apple country in Washington. Our first stop was the Chinook Hotel in Yakima.

"What a fine-looking hotel!" exclaimed the Chef.

"It is owned and was built by the residents of Yakima," explained our host, John Blom.

It was evening when I went to my suite, pulled open the drapes covering the picture window and found that it extended the full length of the room. I gazed out at the clear sky with the full moon flooding the town, the valley and the rugged mountains beyond.

Everything looks big and bright out here in the Northwest.

Next morning, we drove past miles of apple orchards where the last fruit of the season was being harvested.

"The warm apple pie with hot cinnamon sauce served in the Hotel Chinook is terrific!" observed the Chef.

The idea was originated by my colleague, Edward Morgenthau, executive chef of this hotel. A choice of two kinds of cinnamon sauce may be used, a hot liquid sauce or a cinnamon hard sauce.

Cinnamon Liquid Sauce: Heat 1 1/2 c. apple juice to boiling point. Blend 1 tsp. cornstarch, 1/3 c. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon and 1/4 c. apple juice. Stir-boll 3 min. Beat in 1

thsp. butter and 1/4 tsp. lemon juice.

Cinnamon Hard Sauce: Soften 1/2 stick butter or margarine at room temperature. Cream in 1 egg yolk, 1 1/2 to 2 c. sifted confectioner's sugar, 1 tsp. lemon juice and 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon. Chill.

Dinner

Fruit-Salad Pomogranate

Roast Lamb with Mint-Lemon Sauce

Peas and Potatoes

Coupe Chinook or Frozen Apple Sauce Cream

Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level

Recipes Proportioned to Serve 4 to 6

Fruit-Salad Pomogranate

Combine 1 1/2 c. diced (not-peeled) Delicious apples, 1 1/2 c. thin-sliced celery, 1 c. drained whole cooked or tinned cranberries, 1/2 c. seeded grapes (optional), 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 c. mustard-cream mayonnaise.

Arrange on lettuce. Top each with a spoonful of whipped cream, seasoned to taste with mustard sauce. Chill 10-15 min.

Coupe Chinook: Top halved, cored, peeled ripe pears with vanilla ice cream. Spoon over chocolate sauce. Finish each with a rosette of whipped cream.

Mustard-Cream Mayonnaise From The Chef

Whip 1/2 c. heavy cream until stiff. Beat in 1/3 c. mayonnaise and 1 tsp. mustard sauce.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

After washing a blanket in soap or detergent, according to directions, hang the blanket over parallel lines, set two to three feet apart.

When dry, brush blanket lightly to restore its fluffiness.

of its lustre and resilience, and the colours stay fast.

If you're planning to make a pudding with suet, keep suet in the refrigerator until it is thoroughly chilled, and it will chop more easily.

If stained or faded throw rugs are otherwise in good condition, have them dyed for increased usefulness. When properly finished, a dyed rug loses none

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Midnight Adventure

—Mrs. Cuckoo And Her Friends Go On A Picnic—

By MAX TRELL

"DID I tell you what happened last night?" said Christopher Cricket to Knarf and Hand, the shadow children who turned about names.

"We went on a picnic, we did. We went on it all night long. It was the most wonderful picnic in the world."

Christopher Cricket had sat himself down on the edge of the rug and had crossed half a dozen legs.

Wonderful Picnic

"Now I suppose," said Christopher, "you'd like to know all about that wonderful picnic."

Knarf and Hand replied that they could not think of anything they would rather hear than Christopher's story of the picnic.

Then Christopher began:

"The house was dark and quiet, because it was late at night and everyone was fast asleep. But in the playroom, it was quite a different story. At exactly twelve o'clock, Mrs. Cuckoo opened the door of her cottage in-the-cloak and called out at the top of her voice: 'Time to start! Everybody up! Up! Up! ... Everybody up!'

"With that, Mrs. Cuckoo, instead of sleeping back into her cottage and shutting the door, flew around the playroom and began darting at Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, General Tin, the Tin Soldier, Mary Jane, the Rag Doll, Miss China Doll, Mr. Punch and his wife, Judy, and everybody else who was asleep in the room."

"She also woke up the canary, the cat and the goldfish."

Time To Start

"Time to start on our picnic, she kept saying. Finally, everyone was up."

"Mary Jane said: 'Where are we going? In the middle of the night? How can you go on a picnic in the middle of the night? Children never go on picnics when it's dark!'

"Just come along and you'll see," said Mrs. Cuckoo. "Children go on picn

ROYAL AIR FORCE O. KITCHEE O WEAK AS WATER KITCHEE ARE UPSET BY A STRANGE "ADVANTAGE" DECISION

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The Royal Air Force took a valuable point from this very ordinary game at Club Stadium last evening but Kitchee will probably look on it in the light of the 'We wuz robbed' doctrine . . . and, taking a single incident as the basis for that reasoning, there is certainly something to be said for it.

Nevertheless a football match is more than one incident, however far-reaching, unfortunate, or unjust it may be and over the piece the much vaunted Kitchee boys were more than a shade fortunate to save a point. But in fairness to Chow Man-chi and his colleagues let me say a word or two about the upsetting situation which turned elation to despondency in the foot of a whistle.

A few minutes before the interval Kitchee staged a fast attack down the middle. The RAF defence was caught in a moment of indecision as speed merchant Yeung Wai-to raced through in a lightning dash.

A yard or so short of the penalty area he was fouled by

a defender but, hanging tenaciously on to the ball, he burst through and cracked it into the net.

Kitchee congratulations were immediately the order of the day until it was seen that Referee Kirham had disallowed the goal. . . . AND WAS POINTING TO THE SPOT WHERE YEUNG WAI-TO HAD BEEN FOULED. IN FACT HE WAS "AWARDING" KITCHEE A FREE KICK!!

Such a decision makes an utter mockery of the advantage rule for although there was no doubt at all that Yeung was fouled . . . there was also no doubt that he never lost control of the ball. The referee's decision brought a blush to several RAF faces . . . and when the resultant free kick was cleared the Airmen's sigh of relief sounded like a burst of the early spring breezes.

Kitchee had every reason to feel aggrieved for the goal — against the run of play as it was — was a really good one, and as things turned out it would have been enough to have won the game. Let's just say they were grieved by a spot of uninspired refereeing.

That is Kitchee's only complaint, however, for except during short spells they were always the inferior of two very ordinary sides. That the Airmen failed to press home the advantage they enjoyed at wing half was due to inept and unbalanced forward play. Milling, too, looked promising at centre-forward and Johnston did well at inside-left; the rest added up to very little.

Jacques, Shepherd and Sinclair made an industrious middle line. Sinclair had a quiet spell early on but finished up the most polished and certainly the most constructive half-back on the field. Martin and Orum were efficient full backs who were never mastered by the Chinese wingmen.

GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

Kitchee—with a host of big names in the line-up—were a great disappointment. There was hardly a trace of their once brilliant inter-passing or their fighting spirit, and Sze-to, Mah, Sze-to Sum, and Lee Tai-fai were woefully weak in the forward line. But for the racing and chasing of Yeung Wai-to and the grafting of Kwok Yau this

would have been a sorry show indeed.

Chow Man-chi and Chan Fung-hung have seldom shed so little influence on the run of any game and it was left to strong man Lee Ping-chui, Lee Shu-ping and Lam Sheung-yeo to keep the Airmen under safe control.

Neither goalkeeper had very much to do but when play came their way they played their parts with calm confidence. During the second half Chan Fung-hung raised a laugh when he dodged two crushing Airmen to such good purpose that they crashed into each other and finished up on the ground. The bouncers were indeed bounced!

One of the features of the game was the number of goalmouth scrammages that developed at each end of the field. One such melee around the Kitchee goal in the first half was most interesting. A dozen shots must have been rained on the goalmouth. The RAF boys as they tried to get the ball into the net and the "Siege of Kitchee" was finally lifted when a hefty boot sent that ball into the safety of the grandstand.

The few bright moments, however, were lost in long bouts of aimless play and, apart from a wonderful overhead kick by Yeung Wai-to which landed on top of the crossbar, and a real thunderbolt of a shot from Johnston which just missed, there was little to enthuse over or shout about.

VERDICT: A typical end of the season game. The Airmen got a point, a big slice of luck, and a genuine share of the honours. Kitchee got a point, a bad break, and very little else. The playing pitch at the Club is now in very poor shape. The surface is hard, dry and lumpy, making good ball control nearly impossible.

THE TEAMS

RAF: Wood, Martin, Orum, Jacques, Shepherd, Sinclair; Bennett, Leonard, Millington, Johnston, Brettell.

Kitchee: Tam, Nui-hung, Lam Sheung-yeo, Lee, Shu-ping; Chan Fung-hung, Lee Ping-chui, Chow Man-chi, Sze-to, Man, Kwok Yau, Yeung Wai-to, Lee Tai-fai, Sze-to Sum.

Lindrum Captivates His Audience

The master of the ivory ball and the cue stick, Walter Lindrum, gave another amazing demonstration of his ability to do anything with a billiard ball at the MacPherson Play-ground last night.

The retired Australian world billiards and snooker champion showed the audience every billiard shot in the book and many that were not.

He had the most capacity audience completely captivated with the ease with which he played difficult shots and all the audience could do was to give amazed exclamations of "oh" and "ohs."

Yesterday's humid weather again made playing difficult but he did make a break of 350 points in billiards and 98 points in snooker.

Marvelling at his extraordinary control over the ball the audience fully appreciated the difficulties involved in his trick shots, which had them thundering their approval each time Lindrum completed one.

GOOD NIGHT!

The "Good-night" shot, in which he pots black after cushioning five times on the table without touching one of the 50 objects placed on it, brought the well satisfied house down yesterday.

He will give his last exhibition tonight at the same place.

The exhibitions are being sponsored by the Chinese Amateur Athletic Association and all proceeds are being donated to the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' Charity Fund.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

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To the Editor, China Mail

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the . . . Club.

(Signed)

England v. Scotland



With centre-half Billy Wright (centre) and goalkeeper Hodgkinson on the ground and beaten, left-half Duncan Edwards comes to England's rescue and boots the ball off the goal line in the international soccer match against Scotland at the Empire Stadium, Wembley.



"New boy" Kavan falls, but his mission is accomplished. His header has scored the equalising goal for England, beating Scotland's keeper Younger. Centre-half Young, Scotland's captain (No. 5), can only watch. Despite an early goal by Scotland, England pulled back to win 2-1. — Reuterphotos.

Three Jockeys Have An Eye On Smith's Title

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

An intriguing feature of the present Jockey Club season promises to be the rivalry of the leading jockeys in the jockeys' championship table.

It will be no walkover this season for Doug Smith, who has held undisputed command since the retirement of Sir Gordon Richards.

Doug Smith has the advantage of being able to ride five or six pounds less than did Sir Gordon in the closing stages of his great career. However Smith has two rivals in Edward Hide and Peter Robinson, who can ride several pounds lighter than he can.

My personal choice for the championship is Doug Smith, who I think is sure to be first or second by the end of the season. Mercer rides 4lb. heavier than Smith but he has fewer retainers and can take more likely mounts outside his own stables. While Smith rides for some of the most successful stables in the land his mounts are more or less picked for him by his retainers and he has not quite got that freedom of scope to choose likely winners as Sir Gordon Richards did in his heyday.

Manny Mercer had an indifferent season two years ago but last year his riding returned to the brilliance which we had been led to expect at the end of his apprentice career.

He became far more confident and towards the end of the season his judgment was superb. Moreover, Jack Jarvis, for whom he has second retainers, appears all set for a successful season. This will give Mercer a great advantage.

Peter Robinson will be in greater demand this season for there is no one riding at under 7st. 7lb. who can really touch him in a close finish. Moreover, he carries out his orders thoroughly and is a very good judge of pace through a race.

Trainers have been rather slow to make use of his ability but those who have done so find it a very profitable business, and there is no doubt that this boy has a very great future.

SUCCESSFUL

Edward Hide enjoyed a successful opening week. Riding as only second string for Captain Charles Eley, he will lose a fair number of winning mounts, for Edgy Brit will be on the stables selected when the weights permit.

The cool-headed Hide will be offered plenty of rides outside his own stable, and he should reach three figures in winning rides for the first time in his life.

(While I am not suggesting that Doug Smith will be beaten in this year's jockeys' championship I think that Manny Mercer, Peter Robinson, and Edward Hide will make things very interesting for him.)

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Sports Diary

TODAY

1st Division—Sing Tao v South China (Club) 6.45 p.m.; Police v KMB (BS) 6.45 p.m.
2nd Division—Caroline Hill v University (HV) 6 p.m.; Kin Goo v Dowell (HV) 6 p.m.; S v Tamar v Marantille (HV) 6 p.m.
Tennis—DBS v KOV, St Stephen's v Wan Yan Kin, St Paul's v King's at 2 p.m.
Golf—Services Golf at Fanling, Inter-Unit Tourney.
Billiards—Walter Lindrum Exhibition at Macpherson Stadium, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW

Soccer—1st Division—Army v CAA (BS) 6.45 p.m.
2nd Division—Telephone v RAF Sai Wan (HV), CMB v Tung Wah (HV) both matches at 6 p.m.
Exhibition—Game—Hongkong Combined Chinese v Kowloon Combined Chinese at Hongkong Stadium, 8.30 p.m.

Charnley Takes Lightweight Title From Joe Lucy

London, Apr. 9. Dave Charnley, aged 22, tonight won the British lightweight boxing title from holder Joe Lucy on points after a 15-round fight at the Harringway Arena. Charnley sent his 21-year-old opponent on to the canvas six times, each time for a count of eight.—France-Press.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS

London, Apr. 9. Results of Rugby Union matches played today were:
Coventry 8, Rugby 8.
Exeter 3, Newport 19.
Falmouth 3, Penarth 8.
Hayle 9, London Hospitals 3.
—China Mail Special.

Lightweight Challengers Started Out In Soccer And In Golf

By CORNELIUS RYAN

Paolo Rost, an Italian who could have been a professional soccer star, and Joey Lopez, a Portinobian who perhaps could have been a golf star, met at Washington on April 13 in a bout which may produce a lightweight title challenger.

Although both were born in Europe, both live in the U.S. now. Lopez, now 26, was brought to Sacramento, California, by his parents when he was five years old. He was born in the Cape Verde Islands. Rost, a 29-year-old native of Rieti, Italy, is married to an American girl and lives in the Bronx section of New York City.

Rost, fast, durable and clever foot, was an outstanding amateur soccer player in Italy and had professional offers, but by that time he had started his boxing career, winning all 39 of his amateur bouts, and decided he had a better future as a fighter.

"It was really almost an accident that I started boxing," he said. "A friend was a boxer and I went with him to the gym and tried it."

Lopez' father is a grocer-farmer at Sacramento, and the only work Joey has done outside the ring was on the family farm. He started amateur boxing when he was 13.

"I admired Joe Louis a very much and I wanted to be a fighter, too," he said. "He was a very successful amateur, winning national AAU and Golden Gloves featherweight titles, and going to the finals of the 1948 Olympic trials."

IMPROVING STEADILY

He has been less successful as a pro, losing 12 of 53 bouts, but has met most of the good men in his division, and has improved steadily.

"I call myself a boxer-puncher," he said. "Ray Robinson was an idol of mine, too, and I want to fight like him."

Lopez is a hard body-puncher, but needs room to operate. Rost is a crowdier who rarely allows his opponent to stay at long range. When they met last July at New York, Rost's tactics paid off in a victory by decision.

Rost, a good-humored chap who is almost bald, is sure he will win again.

"I'm better now than I was then—I have a better left hand," he said.

"Are you a better singer?" someone asked with a smile. Rost likes to sing opera in his dressing room before and after bouts, but he always is told to "stick to boxing, you're better at that." He always grins and goes on singing.

"Yes, maybe I have a better range there, too," Rost grinned.—United Press.

Pakistan Will Send 100 To Asian Games

Lahore, Apr. 9. Pakistan is to participate in the Third Asian Games, to be held in Tokyo in May and June next year, it was learned here today.

The Pakistani contingent will include athletes, swimmers, wrestlers, hockey players, marksmen and carmen, and is expected to be about 100 strong.

Pakistan may also send a basketball team to Tokyo if it succeeds in beating either Iran or India before the Asian Games.

Pakistan is also to send an official athletics and wrestling team to the Sixth British Empire and Commonwealth Games, to be held in Cardiff, Wales, next year.—France-Press.

Italians Beat Irish At Boxing

Belfast, Apr. 9. Italy beat Ireland by eight bouts to two in an amateur boxing international here tonight.—Reuter.

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BOTVINNIK FIGHTING BACK

Paris, Apr. 9.

Tass news agency, broadcasting a commentary on the World Chess Championship match in Moscow tonight, said that holder Mikhail Botvinnik, using similar tactics to those that won him the 13th game, had placed challenger Vasily Smyslov in a very difficult position in the 15th game.

In the 13th game, Botvinnik was playing the whites and had a good win using the Nimzo-vich defence. Today's play was a repetition of that game, although both players modified the order of their moves, while using the same basic strategy.

Tass said the most critical moment of the game today was situated at about the 21st move, when Smyslov sacrificed a pawn in order to make a direct attack on the white king. From then on the play speeded up and after the 30th move a brilliant battle ensued up till the 40th move when the game was adjourned, with Botvinnik holding a clear advantage.

Tass said the quality of chess since the half-way mark in this Championship had been excellent and that both players were apparently prepared to try out original variations on traditional strategies.

Smyslov was leading by 7½ points to 6½ after the 14th game.—France-Press.

Perez Offers Title Fight To Spaniard

Barcelona, Apr. 9. Jules Avarin, manager of Spain's European flyweight boxing champion, Young Martin, told an AFP correspondent in Madrid tonight that he had received a telegram from the manager of World Champion Pascual Perez, of the Argentine, offering Martin a bout in Buenos Aires for the world crown.

Avarin said he had immediately replied to Perez' manager offering \$20,000 if the world title fight were held in Madrid.

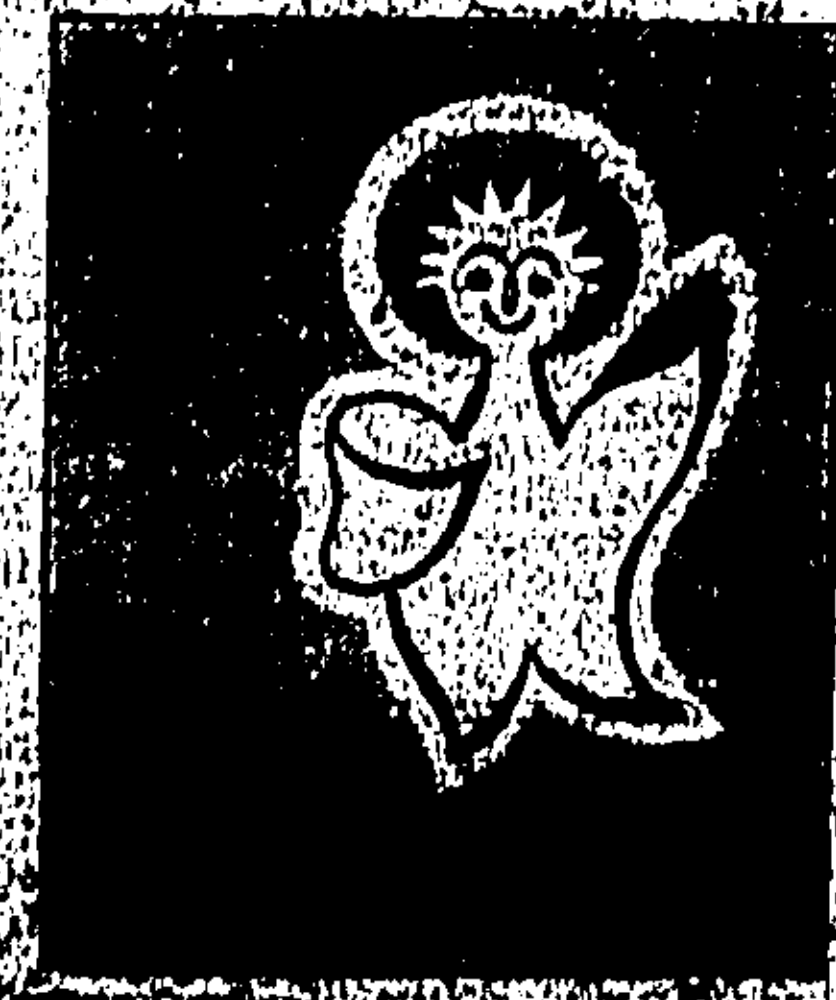
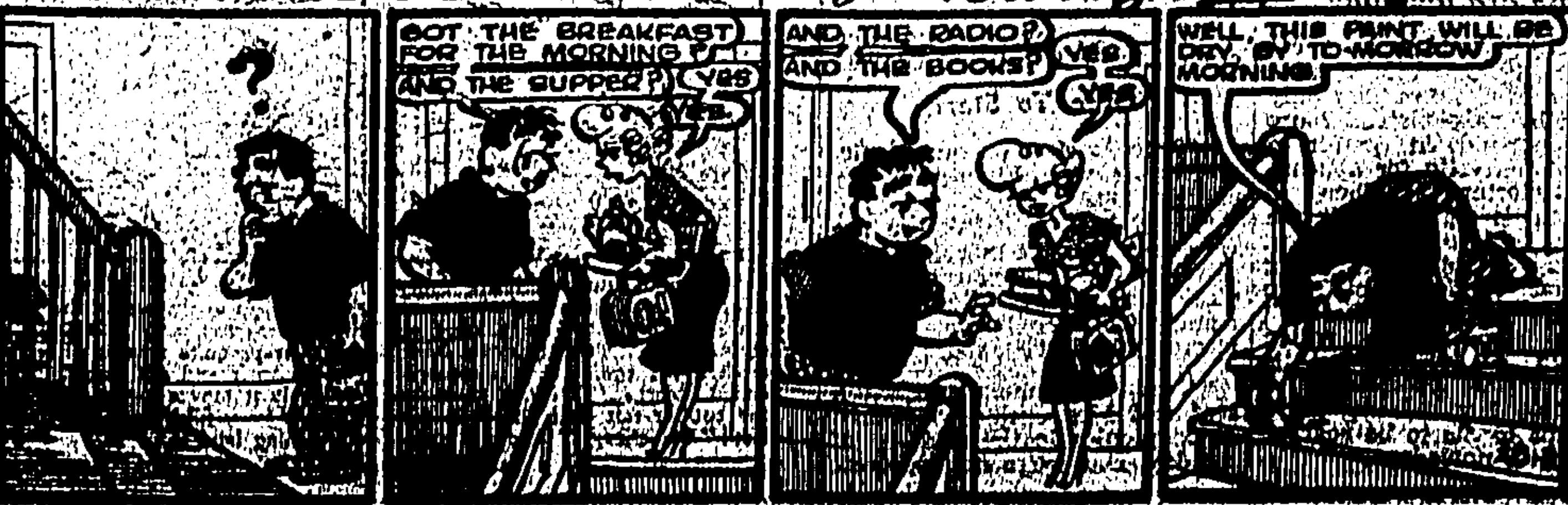
He said he hoped to stage the fight on June 28 at the Madrid Football Stadium, which can hold 120,000 spectators.—France-Press.

Boxer Suspended For Lacking Aggressiveness

Madrid, Apr. 9. The Spanish Boxing Federation announced today that boxer Juan Cardenas has been suspended for three months for lacking aggressiveness in his fight against Jesus Rubio. He was to have fought against French national bantamweight champion Dante Bini on Thursday.—France-Press.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



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Hongkong, 10th April, 1957.

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Japanese Modern-Day Pirates

Scrap Iron And Smuggling Reap High Profits

By BRIAN KENNEDY

Tokyo, Apr. 9.

Modern Japanese pirates aboard powerful motor launches are playing a high speed game of hide-and-seek for high stakes with harbour police in Tokyo Bay.

But these 20th-century pirates are not interested in cargoes of costly silks, rare spices, or a pretty captive to be held to ransom.

Their main targets are the strings of barges filled with scrap iron being ferried from foreign freighters to waterfront steel mills.

Japanese police estimate that they have stolen more than 120,000 tons of scrap metal in the past few months. And they complain that the large floating population which crowds the 25 canals and six rivers flowing into Tokyo Bay are helping the pirates.

If anybody knows where the main pirate lair is, he is not taking the risk of informing the police. During the 83 years that the Tokyo Harbour Police force has been in existence, many an informer's body has been found in the waters of the bay and taken ashore for burial.

Prowl

Daily news sheets publish news of the arrival of freighters with scrap iron cargoes and conveniently state where they will anchor in the Bay. As soon as the freighters begin to unload, the pirates begin to prowl.

The Deputy Superintendent of the Tokyo Harbour Police, Mr. Toshikazu Saito, who is in charge of the fight against the pirates, said that the present battle was one of the toughest he has conducted in more than 20 years of service.

The police believe, he said, that the pirates keep their launches and other craft in some of the more deserted coves in the Bay, in conveniently situated dockyards or at small boat anchorages.

The most common method of operation, he added, is to make a quick descent on a string of barges being towed to the steel mill wharves. The last barge is usually cut adrift and the towing tug slipper informed. When the tug slips the towline to go to the rescue of the drifting barge the pirates slip in, pick up the tow and dash into one of the rivers or canals where accomplices unload the barges at leisure.

Boarded

Any tugboat captain who fails to fall for the ruse usually has his craft boarded at pistol point and he is severely handled, before the barges are stolen. The Superintendent's "beat" stretches ten miles to the north and some 40 miles to the south to the United States naval base at Yokosuka. He has a police force of 800 men, using 50 patrol vessels.

The police launches, some of them equipped with Diesel engines and capable of 40 knots, are armed with searchlights, machineguns and .303 Lee Enfield rifles. Each of the larger vessels carries a crew of eight: a coxswain, navigator, radio operator, an engineer, and four seamen.

The crews, all regular members of the police force, are trained at the Government's nautical school in Tokyo. During a patrol, the crews supervise a daily shipping

traffic which includes at least two ocean freighters, about 35 coastal and inter-island cargo vessels, and 3,000 tug colliers, water-and-oil-burners as well as more than 25,000 ferries, fishing vessels, and barges.

A few shallow draught police launches patrol the rivers and canals which are crammed with barges, houseboats, floating bars, restaurants, and brothels.

Go-Betweens

Superintendent Saito said that there are no reliable estimates as to how many persons earn a living from the waters of the bay. Some waterfront gangs act as "go-betweens" for parties engaged in smuggling money, high quality textiles, watches, and jewellery into Japan.

Police records contain the names of about 12,000 "water-rats" who are engaged in carrying thieves to rob the crews of foreign freighters or carrying seamen up the rivers and canals to the entertainment quarters.

A strict watch on suspected drug traffic operators has severely curtailed the flow of heroin, opium and other drugs into Japan, according to the Superintendent, but the police suspect that a busy traffic in foreign currency, principally United States dollars, still exists. China Mail Special.

SPEIDEL TAKES OVER NATO POST



Lieutenant-General Hans Speidel, once a Chief of Staff to see German warlord General Rommel, arrives at Fontainebleau for the ceremony installing him as commander of NATO's Central Europe Land Forces.—Express Photo.

Ceylon Donates Money For Hiroshima Pagoda

Tokyo, Apr. 9. Sir Sunanta Fonseka, Ceylon's Ambassador to Japan, today presented on behalf of his Government the equivalent of £1,000 to be used for the construction of a pagoda in Hiroshima City, Western Japan.

The donation was presented to Japan's Prime Minister, Nobusuke Kishi.

During the ceremony, Sir Sunanta Fonseka said the money was a token of sympathy from the Government of Ceylon over the tragedy of Hiroshima. The donation was being presented in the hope that similar tragedies would not be repeated.

A Ceylon Embassy spokesman said the pagoda will contain some of the ashes of Buddha which will be flown to Japan in the near future.—Reuter.

Award For Prince Wan

United Nations, Apr. 9. Cuba has awarded its highest order to Prince Wan Wathayakon of Thailand for his contribution to world peace. It was announced today.

The Cuban Ambassador, Emilio Nuñez-Portuondo, received word from Havana that the National Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes will be given to the Thai Foreign Minister, who is President of the UN General Assembly. No date has been set for the presentation.—United Press.

Ba Swe In Hospital

Boston, Apr. 9. Deputy Premier U Ba Swe of Burma entered Massachusetts General Hospital on Sunday for a "medical check-up". A hospital spokesman refused to disclose the nature of his ailment.—United Press.

Moscow Radio News Dull, Stale And Long-Winded

Moscow, Apr. 9.

Moscow radio news broadcasts have been criticised by Mr. Nikolai Danilov, a deputy Minister of Culture, as dull, long-winded and stale.

Speaking at a recent top level conference in Moscow, on "serious shortcomings and blunders" in the work of the Soviet radio, he said that verbosity is a "general defect of political broadcasting" and news broadcasts suffer from the same defect.

"Unfortunately the 'latest news' is by no means always the latest," he added. "People in broadcasting have not yet learned to choose news for its general importance, topicality, brevity, clarity and interest."

Broadcasts on technical subjects are often confined to "departmental instructions and extremely boring circulars full of technical terminology which is comprehensible to only a narrow group of specialists."

LIMITED

Mr. Danilov added that the position regarding cultural programmes was little better, while the variety of performances and performers was extremely limited.

He also criticised the radio and communications industries for not supplying the latest technical equipment, and failing to go ahead with ultra-short wave broadcasting.

The newspaper "Soviet Culture" stated that many speakers talked about the need for speedy reporting of events and ending the radio practice of informing its listeners of these events only much later.

They sharply criticised Tass (the official Soviet News Agency) for "taking no interest in the needs of the radio," it added. "More research, more daring don't fear new forms, full support for the work of radio reporters—such were the themes of many speeches."—China Mail Special.

US And PI Exchange Messages

Washington, Apr. 9.

Messages were exchanged today between President Eisenhower and President Carlos Garcia of the Philippines on the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the fall of Bataan.

"The dangers which now confront us are in a sense just as real as those that were faced on Bataan 15 years ago," states President Eisenhower in his message to President Garcia. "So we continue," the American chief executive says, "to draw on the spirit of devotion, comradeship and courage which is the noble legacy of Bataan."

President Eisenhower adds: "Bataan Day is a solemn day for both nations for it is a time when we pause to remember the price and consider the meaning of freedom. On behalf of the people of the United States I send Bataan Day greetings to our friends in the Philippines."

"We do commemorate the comradeship which has bound our two nations so strongly in the past and which continues to be so vital in the anxious present."

President Garcia's message to Eisenhower states that the Filipino people know well the benefits of liberty and freedom, and will continue to fight with the great spirit exemplified on Bataan to preserve those ideals. "On this April 9, on behalf of the people of the Philippines, I send our best wishes to you and to the people of the United States."

President Garcia also says that the spirit of Bataan "shall not perish and the gallant American and Filipino heroes who died for Democracy shall not have died in vain. Today our two peoples are fighting the more subtle enemy of Communism, which is trying to subvert the ideals we fought for on Bataan."

The chief of the Philippines Republic also told President Eisenhower that Bataan will always remain "a symbol of a struggle by the people of two nations fighting side by side for the common goal of liberty and democracy."—France-Press.

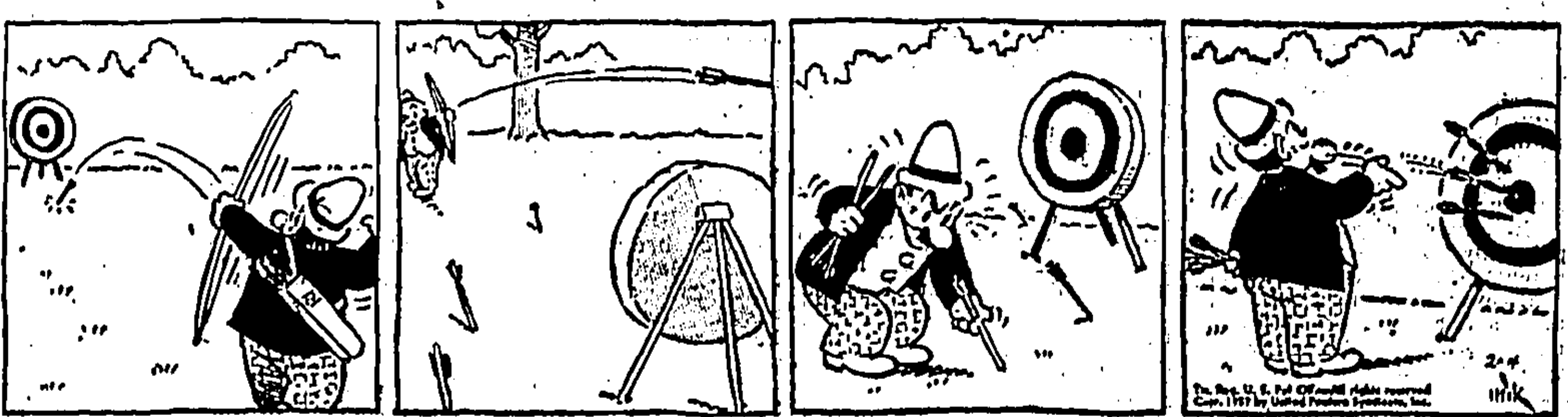
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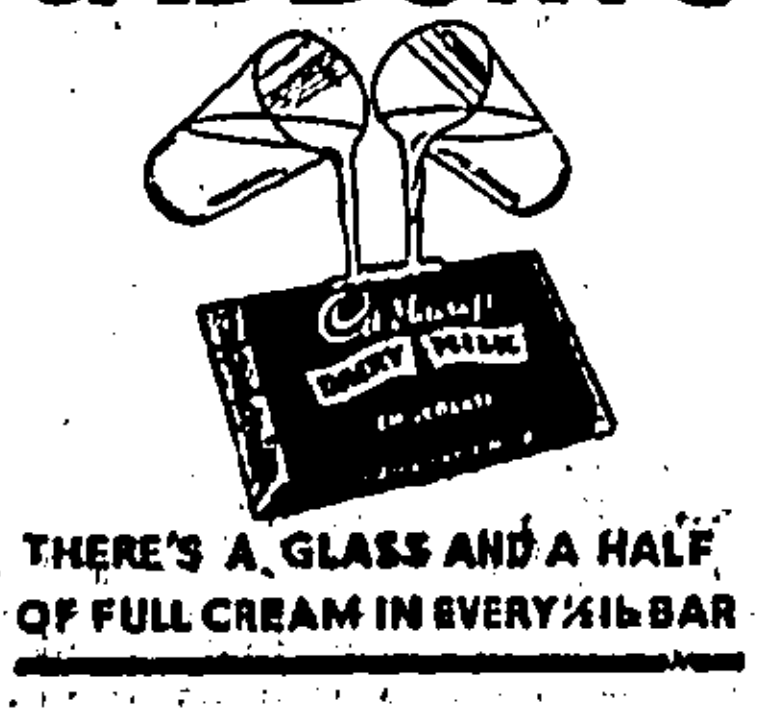


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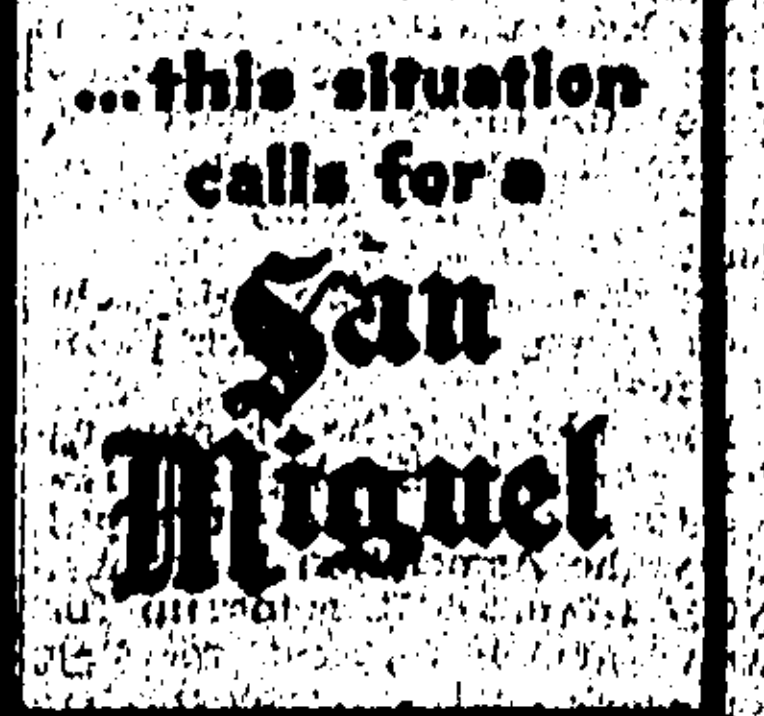
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No Losses In Settlement With Onassis

Washington, Apr. 9.

A Justice Department official said today that he saw no risk of any Government losses resulting from its settlement with the Greek shipowner, Aristotle Onassis.

The Assistant Attorney General, George Doub, said the settlement was the best alternative for the Government. He said a "good set-up" involved was a "good set-up."

Mr. Doub testified before a House Merchant Marine Committee investigation of whether there were any "improprieties" in transactions between the Government and Mr. Onassis.

Representative Herbert Zelenko charged that the "trust arrangement" did not give the government "the protection it should have."

THEORETICAL

"I think it does," replied Mr. Doub. He told Mr. Zelenko: "You are worrying about something theoretical." The Justice Department entered into the settlement with Mr. Onassis several years ago when it dropped a suit against him to recover some surplus World War II tanks. Mr. Onassis' interest in the tanks was placed in trust with the Greek National Bank of New York for his two American-born children.

Mr. Zelenko contended that Mr. Onassis could "reverse" or "modify" the trust and "sell" the tanks at the end of the year if the Maritime Committee does not approve. —United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Old World Courtesy

SIX short paces separate the dock at Bow Street from the door by which prisoners enter the court, but Charlie's progress from door to dock made the journey seem cruelly long.

For Charlie is old and frail and each step he makes needs thought and care, and each step is, indeed, something of a triumph for him. A triumph for his pride and self-sufficiency. For he scorns help, remembering, perhaps, the time so long ago, when he was a regular soldier, taught to regard self-dependence as a virtue.

I'M ASHAMED

CHARLIE reached the dock at last, gallantly scaling its heights, and stood, a little breathless, to await whatever was coming. So, calmly, he must in his time have stood awaiting greater perils. Now, he was asked: "Were you begging, last night, in the Strand?"

"I'm ashamed to say I must plead guilty," said Charlie, straightening his back.

"I saw him stop three people and ask one of them to spare a copper for an old man," a policeman said to Sir Laurence Dunne. "There are no previous convictions. He had 6s. 6d. silver and 1s. 6d. copper on him."

FRUITS OF WORK

"WHY did you do this?" the chief magistrate asked, gently. "A bit of drink it must have been," Charlie said. "I'd a bit of money on me, there was no need for begging."

"It looks as though some of that money may have been the fruits of earlier begging," said Sir Laurence.

"No, no," Charlie protested. "It was the fruits of some work I done—sign-writing."

"Done any work lately?" "Well..." said Charlie. He left it at that. He was not going to lie. Sir Laurence discharged him conditionally, and he began the long haul back to the door.

He reached his objective, then remembered something, and turned and hobbled half-way back. "I should have said thank you, sir," he said. "Thank you very much. Good day, sir," and, with the courtesy completed, he left.

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"I AM VINDICATED" SAYS DR ADAMS Never Had Any Doubt About Murder Trial Result

From ARTHUR CHESWORTH

London, Apr. 5.

Dr John Bodkin Adams sat beside his solicitor in an office room three minutes away from the Old Bailey at lunch-time today and looked at the evening newspaper heading: "Dr Adams Not Guilty."

For 17 days this 58-year-old country doctor had been on trial, accused of murdering a rich old widow, Mrs Edith Morrell, one of his patients.

He sipped a cup of coffee, nibbled a sandwich, and said: "That is the first newspaper I have read for nine months."

"But I am now cleared before the world in open court. Now my friends can reply to all the rumours built up against me."

"I welcome this investigation—even the trial. I didn't begrudge that. It has vindicated me in a way I could never have done myself."

He telephoned two friends—one in Eastbourne where he practised, and one in London. Then—a calm, prosaic man in his prosaic suit with a homely pullover under his waistcoat—he drank some more coffee.

NO ANXIETY

"And said: 'I never had any anxiety about the result. I spent too much of my time in gaol keeping up with the latest medical publications.'

"I never lost a night's sleep—they had to wake me up this morning. I had slept soundly from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. I didn't even dream."

But what about those last 44 minutes when the jury were considering their verdict?

Dr Adams smiled—a slow, gentle smile like his slow, gentle Irish voice. "I was reading an American medical journal."

"My mind, you see, was always easy because my belief in the power of prayer, my faith in God and British justice kept me above it all right to the end."

"That is what I have written to the hundreds of people who have sent me letters of sympathy—I have 525 in all."

"This has been a triumph for British justice against vicious rumour and little-tattle."

He praised what he called "my team"—his solicitors and defending counsel, especially Mr Geoffrey Lawrence, QC, who had spoken every day of the 17-day trial.

"My counsel have been absolutely marvellous. They have never spared themselves day or night. I think this was because they were convinced of my innocence and sincerity from the very beginning."

TO TAKE HOLIDAY

"In consultation with my legal advisers it was decided that I should not go into the witness box myself. I was perfectly willing to go into the box. I had been under a considerable strain for so many weeks and was relieved to know that it was not necessary for me to do so."

What about the future? Dr Adams stood up and smiled confidently.

"I am going away for a little rest—naturally. Afterwards? Well, I've had many letters from my patients looking forward to my return to Eastbourne."

"I shall make my plans while I am away on holiday."

A telephone rang. A car was waiting to take Dr Adams to the country. He put on his dark blue coat and dark blue trilby and worked calmly out—London Express Service.

150lbs OF OPIUM SEIZED

Last night, Revenue Officers made a large seizure of raw opium on board the ss Banting which arrived from Bangkok yesterday afternoon.

The opium weighed approximately 150 lbs. and is valued at some \$100,000.

The value of drugs seized by the Preventive Service in the past few weeks totals approximately \$700,000.

PLANE KNOCKS DOWN FENCE

The wheels of a Pan American plane making a landing at Kai Tak this morning knocked down a wooden fence at the edge of the perimeter canal, but the aircraft touched down without mishap.

The plane had been chartered to take the Vanderbilt party to Manila yesterday, and carried no passengers on her return this morning.

It was approaching runway 007 from the Argyle Street direction when it touched the 3½ ft fence at the beginning of the runway.

SYRIAN POSTS FIRED ON

Damascus, Apr. 9. The Israeli frontier post at Dardara opened fire twice yesterday on Syrian posts at Tel Hail and elsewhere, which returned the fire, a Syrian army spokesman told reporters today.

There were no casualties among the Syrian soldiers, the spokesman said.—France-Press.



DR ADAMS

Crushing Defeat For Reds

Turin, Italy, Apr. 9. Italy's crisis-ridden Communists suffered a crushing defeat tonight in shop steward elections in the Fiat auto works, Italy's largest industrial empire.

Final returns showed the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labour (CGIL) won a mere 21.1 per cent of the vote, compared with 28.8 last year and 63.2 three years ago. They won only 34 seats in the 205-seat Shop Steward Council.

The Communist defeat, latest in a long series in the industrial North, reflected the growing estrangement of workers from the Communist Party as a result of Russia's armed intervention in Hungary.

The Social Democratic Union of Italian Labour (UIL) captured most of the votes lost by the Communists.

The Christian Democratic Union (CISL) remained the strongest, with 50 per cent of the vote and 114 seats out of 205.—United Press.

MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED

Paris, Apr. 9. Cairo radio announced tonight that the Egyptian Gazette authorities today discussed "questions of major importance" with General Edson Burns, Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations Emergency Force.

The radio said that one of the questions discussed concerned the participation of "Palestine police forces" in the defence of the Egyptian-Israeli frontier, in co-operation with the United Nations troops.—France-Press.

BAN LIFTED

Jerusalem, Apr. 9. For the first time today, most Israeli cars—and especially taxis—were freed from the order which compelled them to remain idle one day every week. Restrictions on the use of electricity will be eased by the end of April.—France-Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Last month I was crazy about him, but now I simply can't stand him—it shows how changeable men are!"

British Films Enjoy Popularity In Hongkong

That British films are enjoying increasing popularity in Hongkong due to the change in British films outlook and their attempt to capture the world's market, was stated this morning in the Directors' Report at the 23rd ordinary general meeting of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited.

The meeting held at the offices of the company in King's Theatre Building was presided over by Sir Siu-sun Chow, the Chairman.

The report said: "We are pleased to say that we have had another successful year. As for 1957 we have been able to get the contracts of three major companies, Paramount, RKO and J. Arthur Rank and in the course of this year you will be able to see quite a number of outstanding films from these companies such as 'War & Peace' and 'Lady and the Tramp' which have just been shown. I have confidence that these contracted films will increase our income this year."

Television has been popular in the States with the result that film producers are now making fewer but better pictures using VistaVision, Cinemascope and technicals to combat the popularity of television. This decrease in the production of films and the increase in the number of first-run theatres have made it more difficult to obtain pictures. British films, I am glad to say, are enjoying increasing popularity in Hongkong due to the change in British films outlook and their attempt to capture the world's market.

The rents of the shops and offices in this building are higher by \$12,000 from that of the preceding year due to the change of ownership of several shops towards the latter part of last year.

YEAR'S PROFITS

The profit for the year under review, after providing for depreciation, amounts to \$380,742.44 together with the sum of \$2,713.08 brought forward from last year and \$1,110.00 being amount overprovided for 1956/57. The 1957 Corporation Profit Tax and \$7,235.60 being provision for unclaimed dividends—years 1931/1940 no longer required, making a total of \$301,807.72 for distribution. Your Directors recommended to deal with this as outlined in the Appropriation Account.

Provision for taxation in respect of 1957/1958 assessment of

BUSINESSMAN FINED \$2,000

Fung, Kit-tong, managing partner of the Kwong Tung Manufacturing Co. of 48 Argyle Street, was fined \$2,000 by Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning for failing to furnish a business profits tax return for the year of assessment 1956/57.

James T. Cunningham, told the Court that the annual turnover of the company's business was \$1,280,784.

Constable Denies "Previewing" A Prisoner

A Police constable denied at the trial of 14 men charged with rioting at Tsun Wan that he was present in court this morning, before the case started, to have a preview of one of the prisoners so that he could identify him later.

The accused are charged before Mr Justice C. W. Reece and a Special Jury of taking part in the disturbances outside the Pao Hsing mill at Tsun Wan on October 11.

They are Fung Kam, Sham Yan-kit, Tong Hol-cheung, Lau Yee-on, Wong Hoi, Mok Ming, Cheuk Lam-ching, Chan Fuk-kan, Chan Wing-kwan, Chan Kwong, Wu Kan-sang, Cheng Ying-hung, Ma Man-kit, and Leung Yat-ming.

Sham and Cheuk are represented by Mr H. H. Hu, instructed by Mr W. I. Cheung, of P. H. Sin and Co.

Mr W. S. Collier, and Mr D. N. E. Ren, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Det. Inspector P. J. Clancy.

PC Law Wah, this morning identified Chan Fuk-kan, the eighth accused, as having been outside the Pao Hsing mill during the rioting.

SHOUTED TO CROWD

Witness said Chan shouted something to the crowd, as a result of which they rushed into the factory.

Cross-examined by Chan, the constable said that that was about 5.30 p.m. He was standing about four feet away from the accused. The latter was standing in front of the crowd.

Law said there was much noise at the time and he could not hear what Chan was shouting. He denied a suggestion that in the lower Court he had said that he heard Chan shout, "Rush in, rush in."

Mr Justice Reece referred the accused to the transcript of the depositions made in the lower Court and pointed out that there was no mention in it that the witness had in fact stated what Chan had said, and he said that Chan asked if witness would agree that he was sitting inside the Courtroom this morning before the case started, when the warders were arranging the positions of the accused persons in the dock.

Law said he was originally outside the Courtroom, but he came in on the instructions of the Inspector in charge of the case, who told him to stand by to give his evidence.

WITNESS'S DENIALS

Asked if he would agree that it had not been proper for him to be in Court then, Law said he did not pay attention as to what was going on in the dock while he was sitting in Court at the time.

Chan put it to witness that the real reason was that the witness had made a mistake in identifying Chan in a previous case and did not want to make any other such mistake in the present case.

Law denied this. He denied further that he had walked in front of the dock to have a look at him while the prisoners were being arranged in their positions.

ASP TESTIFIES

Mr D. E. W. O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent of Police, New Territories, testified that on November 20, he charged a number of people with riot and unlawful assembly at Chatham Road camp.

Describing the method of charging, Mr O'Brien said each accused was brought before him separately. He instructed an interpreter to read and explain each charge to the accused and to caution him.

If the accused made a reply, the interpreter would write it down. The interpreter would then read over what had been written. The accused, the interpreter and witness himself would sign the document containing the statement.

Those among the 14 accused who made the statements in question indicated to the Court that they had no objection to them being admitted in evidence. Hearing is proceeding.

CAR ON FIRE

Slight damage was caused to a private car which caught fire in Cadogan Road at 11.45 a.m. today. There were no casualties.

A fire engine from Central helped in putting out the fire.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere in general are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than those shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS
On Friday, April 12, 1957, the public counters at the Victoria, Shuangwan, Kowloon Central and Shamshing Post Offices will open from 9 a.m. to Noon and Wanchai from 10 a.m. to Noon only.

On Wednesday, April 10, the public counters at the Victoria, Shuangwan, Kowloon Central and Shamshing Post Offices will open from 9 a.m. to Noon and Wanchai from 10 a.m. to Noon only.

On Thursday, April 11, the public counters at the Victoria, Shuangwan, Kowloon Central and Shamshing Post Offices will open from 9 a.m. to Noon and Wanchai from 10 a.m. to Noon only.

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